

## Message Text

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CNS WASHDC  
MAC SCOTT AFB ILL  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY DACCA  
CINCPAC HONOLULU  
CDR NSO GUAM

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE VICE UNCLAS)

DACCA AND NEW DELHI FOR DAO; CINCPAC AND MAC ALSO FOR POLADS

E.O. 111652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID, NP  
SUBJ: FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

REF: STATE 217676 AND PREVIOUS

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE VERY HELPFUL REFTEL WHICH CLARIFIES QUESTIONS  
WE HAD AND COOPERATION OF USAF TO EXPEDITE AIRLIFT OF SUPPLIES FROM  
GUAM TO NEPAL. HOWEVER, WHILE RECONGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF GIVING USAF  
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AND OFDA AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE  
WE ARE AS YET IN A POSITION FORMALLY TO MAKE DETERMINATION ON  
DISASTER.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES I BELIEVE WE HAVE IDENTIFIED RIGHT  
MIX OF SUPPLIES, I.E. BLANKETS AND TENTS, AND IF THESE CAN BE  
AIRLIFTED BY USAF THIS WILL MAKE FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE

OPERATION AS WELL AS IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF OUR SUPPORT AND CONCERN. HOWEVER, IN LONG RUN I BELIEVE WE WILL BE BETTER OFF IF WE DO NOT RUSH INTO THIS WITHOUT FIRST HAVING (1) BENEFIT OF AERIAL SURVEY OUTLINED IN KATHMANDU 4431 TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE SUPPLIES ARE MOST NEEDED; (2) BETTER FIX ON HOW OUR SUPPLIES, ONCE AIRLIFTED TO KATHMANDU, WILL REACH AFFECTED AREAS. AT ALL COSTS WE NEED TO AVOID SUPPLIES PILING UP IN KATHMANDU AND GOING NOWHERE. THIS POINT NEEDS STRESSING BECAUSE OF THE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS WITHIN NEPAL AND VERY WEAK NEPALESE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF PROBLEM.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WORTH NOTING THAT LIRCS REPRESENTATIVE CURRENTLY IN KATHMANDU WHO HAS BEST EXPERTISE ON SUBJECT IS STILL HOLDING BACK FROM COMMITTING FUNDS WHICH HE HAS IN HIS POCKET FOR SAME REASONS AS WE ARE. OTHER DONORS WITH WHOM WE ARE IN TOUCH SHARE THIS VIEW AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ONLY MOVEMENT AT THIS POINT IS TOKEN SHIPMENT OF BLANKETS AND TENTS FROM HONG KONG BY BRITISH, AS DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES.

4. IN SHORT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR STRONG SUPPORT WE ARE GETTING AND WE WILL BE BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT WE NEED SEVERAL MORE DAYS TO SORT THIS OUT. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE UP AERIAL SURVEY FROM AUG 30 TO AUG 28 SUBJECT TO GON CONCURRENCE.

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5. WILL ADVISE ON LOAD CAPACITY OF KATHMANDU AIRPORT.  
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